



GABRIELLE PICKETT AT HER SISTER'S VIGIL

Trans Killing Fields

While activists debate over who lays claim to the tragedy of Brandon Teena and Sean O'Neil, an alarming number of transgendered youth—most of whom would find the terms of this debate perplexing at the least—are being murdered in America.

- In Atlanta, 16-year-old Quincy Taylor was shot and dumped behind a grocery store last fall, the day before he was to enter the Job Corp in Kentucky. No word on whether Taylor's murder is linked to five other local murders—all of black, transgendered people—over the past four years.
- Tyron "Tyra" Hunter, 21, was run over in a hit-and-run accident in Washington, DC. Emergency medical technicians stopped treating Hunter's wounds after they discovered she was a biological man. As bystanders yelled, "It don't make a difference, he's a human being," the tech allowed the bleeding transgendered woman to go untreated for up to five minutes. She died at a local hospital. Over 2,000 people attended her funeral.
- Chanelle Pickett, 23 (whose twin sister, Gabrielle, is shown above), was strangled to death in Watertown, Massachusetts, by a 34-year-old computer programmer—and reputed transie admirer—who is claiming a "homosexual panic" defense. Pickett, a pre-op transsexual, had been fired by Nynex last year for defending herself against gender harassment. Over 200 people gathered at Pickett's memorial, where mourners remembered her and another transsexual, Deborah Forte, who had been murdered in the same area just months before.—*Diane Anderson*

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